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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, and in compliance with CFR §1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. Applicant(s) make no admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.
2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a corresponding U.S. Patent is enclosed or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth on an attached sheet, or a copy of an English-language search report is attached.

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3. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):

- (a)  Within 3 months of the filing date or date of entry into the National Stage.
- (b)  Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- (c)  After the period set forth in 37 CFR §1.97(b) but before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

- 1)  A certification is given below,
- 2)  Enclosed is a check covering the fee (\$180.00) set forth in §1.17(p) for consideration of this Statement, or
- 3)  Charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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- (a)  The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, fees underpaid, or credit any overpayment with regard to this Statement to Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

6. Concise Explanation (if needed):

(1)  Below is a Concise Statement of Relevance of enclosed non-English language document(s).


**U.S. PATENTS**

U.S. Patent 6,325,409 B1  
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**FOREIGN PATENTS**

German Patent DE 199 26 076 A1 (face sheet; issued as DE 298 10 222 U1, copy not available)	Discloses a side curtain with a fill tube.
German Patent DE 198 12 915 A1	Discloses a fill tube construction.
German Patent DE 197 38 741 A1	Discloses a fill tube construction.
German Patent DE 196 27 181 C2	Discloses a side curtain with a fill tube.

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